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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In 1938 I accepted the Chairmanship of an informal committee which volunteered to gather facts about pronounced flights of Snowy Owls in North America. The purpose of the work was to provide an index to events in the Arctic rather than to contribute to an understanding of causes which is essentially an Arctic problem. It seemed feasible to gather data from over the whole of settled portions of the continent where Snowy Owls appeared on their regular flights. Three brief reports materialized and these were published in *The Wilson Bulletin* (55:8-10, 59:74-78 and 61:99-102).

In working as a volunteer committee, with round-robin procedure on a continental basis, delays are inevitable. Loss of data en route is also possible. Material on the flight in 1949-50 vanished completely and could not be traced. Since the Snowy Owl cycle is short and since we have found that major flights in the east and west do not necessarily synchronize, a transcontinental, volunteer committee has not been able to keep up with the owls.

The purpose of this communication is to allay any impressions readers of the *Bulletin* might have that Snowy Owls are permanently grounded. It also affords me opportunity to thank all the busy men who served on the now defunct committee, and to assure them that if the committee's difficulties are not attributable to its Chairman, then perhaps the undertaking was, simply, not feasible.

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